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Dear Mr. Cullman:

An inspection of the publicized correspondence between your office and The American Cancer Society suggested that your counsel may have overlooked one significant fact.

I do not presume to be an expert with respect to application for federal aid. However, it is my understanding that one of the conditions imposed to qualify for federal aid in research is that the results and the means employed to reach said results are in the public domain.

It is inconceivable that a public or private agency may be subsidized with taxpayers' funds and yet be permitted to release the findings when it suits their convenience. The scientific journals selected for disclosure would have very limited circulation and as you clearly stated, the Society's conclusions by that time would be exploited to the hilt.

I suggest that this avenue be explored to compel immediate disclosure by Doctors Auerbach and Hammond of all experimental data which led to their conclusions.

I, for one, strenuously object to the use of public funds to promote private causes of self-interest. The use of federal monies should be severely circumscribed.

Very truly yours,

  
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